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The Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following:

U.S. RE,38266, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,789,284; and 6,071,766 (all previously cited) are in the same family as Japanese Patent No. JP 08-213316;

U.S. Patent No. 5,189,508 is in the same family as Japanese Patent No. JP 01-315144;

U.S. Patent Nos. 5,374,842 and 5,516,706 are in the same family as Japanese Patent No. 05-299426; and

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